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For. **METHOD FOR SEPARATING SUBSTANCES  
USING DIELECTROPHORETIC FORCES**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action mailed **March 1, 2006**, extended from **June 1, 2006** to **September 1, 2006** by a **three (3)** month Petition for Extension of Time. Prior to further examination, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows: